

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2306

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 21, 1982

Application of EDWARDS TRUCKING)
COMPANY, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Perform Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract --)
GPO Bus Pool)

Case No. CP-82-01

By application filed January 18, 1982, Edwards Trucking Company, Inc., seeks authority to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the GPO Bus Pool (GPO), transporting commuters between the New Carrollton Shopping Center, New Carrollton, Md., and the Capital Plaza Shopping Center, Hyattsville, Md., on the one hand, and, on the other, the Government Printing Office and Union Center Plaza, Washington, D. C. GPO is an organized association of commuters employed by the Government Printing Office authorized to contract for commuter transportation services between New Carrollton and Hyattsville, Md., and Washington, D. C. Inasmuch as the application proposes the irregular-route transportation of members of a qualifying association pursuant to contract between the association and applicant, it appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */

The contract between GPO and Edwards calls for daily service Monday through Friday between the above-named points, inbound to Washington, D. C., in the morning and returning in the afternoon. Applicant operates van equipment and school bus vehicles. The contract price is \$55 per passenger each month, with GPO guaranteeing a minimum of 20 participants. Applicant projects a cost to operate of \$50 per day including driver, insurance, fuel and vehicle expense, and revenue of about \$55 each day based on a minimum of 20 passengers.

Edwards' balance sheet dated September 30, 1980, shows current assets of \$489,079, total assets of \$804,863, liabilities of \$575,561 and equity of \$229,302. The carrier's income statement for the year ended September 30, 1980, reflects an operating loss of \$4,732.

*/ See Order No. 2004, adopting Regulation No. 70, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.

Edwards states that it is familiar with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commission and will comply therewith, that it has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that there is no current proceeding in which applicant's fitness is under investigation. GPO submitted an affidavit supporting the application and stating that it has investigated the applicant and is satisfied with applicant's ability properly to perform the proposed service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

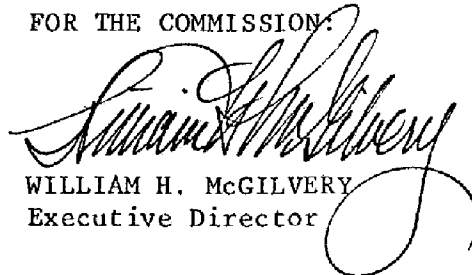
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Edwards Trucking Company, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Wednesday, January 27, 1982.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Wednesday, February 3, 1982.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N. W., Suite 316, Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Monday, February 8, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, Donald L. Noble, Esquire, 9015 Woodyard Road, Suite 209, Clinton, Md. 20735 .

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director